



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

a. Previously submitted:

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- Other: _____

b. Enclosed:

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other: Amendment Transmittal

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2. Additional Items:

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (*Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required.*)
- A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
- A return receipt postcard is enclosed.
- Other:
 - Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).
 - RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) without a claim of small entity status is: \$770.00.
 - RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) by an entity claiming small entity status is: _____.
 - A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
 - Charge \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
 - The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

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